



Application for Free Library Service: Institutions

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
PO Box 387, 600 West Main
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0387 Telephone (800) 392-2614

Please print or type:

Name of Institution _____

Contact Person _____

Street Address _____
(number) (street name or route)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

County _____ Phone: (_____) _____
(extension)

Institution E-mail Address _____

Type of Institution

- ☐ Hospital
- ☐ Nursing Home
- ☐ School (a listing of student names and disabilities must be provided each school year; each student must be individually registered and certified. In case of a student with a reading disability, certification must be made by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.)
- ☐ Other _____

Users

Number of persons unable to read or use standard printed material who will be served:

Talking book readers _____ Braille readers _____

Do any of the persons using the talking books also have a hearing loss?

If yes, please indicate the degree:

- ☐ **Moderate** (some hearing loss) ☐ **Profound** (major hearing loss)

Qualified readers must be residents of the United States, including the 50 states, territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, or American citizens temporarily living abroad.

To be completed by certifying authority

(see definitions of “certifying authority” below)

I certify the institution named serves persons who are unable to read or use standard printed material because of blindness, visual disabilities, or physical limitations. I further certify that the reading materials and equipment borrowed will be used by such persons only:

Please print or type:

Name _____

Title/Occupation _____

Street Address _____ Phone () _____

City, State _____ Zip+4 _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Signature must be original. We cannot accept fax or photocopy.)

Definition of “Certifying Authority”

1. In cases of **blindness, visual impairment, or physical disability**, certifying authorities include doctors of medicine or osteopathy, optometrists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, therapists, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public agencies (e.g., social workers, counselors, or rehabilitation teachers). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress.
2. In the case of a **reading disability**, the certifying authority must be a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

Books, Equipment, and Other Services

Please check those you wish to receive:

☐ **Talking Books on cassette and a cassette player** (playback only).

Please choose **one** of the following cassette players:

☐ Standard cassette player, plays 15/16 ips, 4-track Library of Congress cassettes, and also plays 1-7/8 ips, 2-track commercially recorded cassettes. Operates with a rechargeable battery, or electricity.

☐ Easy cassette player, plays 15/16 ips, 4-track cassettes only. For persons who have difficulty with manual dexterity. Must be plugged into electricity for operation.

☐ **Braille Books**

☐ **Magazines:** a catalog for magazine selection will be sent.

☐ **Music:** not music for listening, but instructional recordings and braille or large print music scores and magazines.

☐ **Program Packs:** thematic group discussion/programming kits.

☐ **NFB - NEWSLINE Service:** telephone newspaper service.

☐ **Large Print Books:** to supplement school curriculum for children and teenagers.

Machines' Accessories

Special accessories for players are available; please check those needed:

☐ **Amplifier** (solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss—requires a special application which will be sent to you).

☐ **Extension lever for cassette player** (assists readers with limited use of their hands in operating the standard cassette player controls).

☐ **Headphones** (only for patrons with a hearing loss, or for patrons residing in a group setting where headphones are necessary for private listening).

☐ **Pillow speaker** (for readers confined to bed).

☐ **Remote control** (assists readers with limited use of their hands in turning the standard machine on and off—requires a special application which will be sent to you).

☐ **Breath switch** (for use with the remote control unit for readers who have little or no use of their hands).

Reading Preferences

Select the type of book service you desire **(choose only one)**:

☐ **We only want to select our own books.** We will send the library requests from catalogs, "Talking Book Topics," "Braille Book Review," or other sources.

☐ **In addition to our book selections, we would like the library to select books for us when our requests are not available. Our reading interests are:**

- ☐ Adventure
- ☐ Animal Stories
- ☐ Radio Plays and Dramatizations
- ☐ Best Sellers, Fiction
- ☐ Best Sellers, Nonfiction
- ☐ Classics
- ☐ Fantasy
- ☐ Gothic Novels
- ☐ Historical Novels
- ☐ Romance Novels
- ☐ Mysteries
- ☐ Espionage Novels
- ☐ Horror Stories
- ☐ Science Fiction
- ☐ War, Fiction
- ☐ Westerns
- ☐ Gentle and Nostalgic Fiction
- ☐ Sports Fiction
- ☐ Christian Fiction
- ☐ Family Sagas

- ☐ Biographies
- ☐ Government/Politics
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Disabilities
- ☐ Family Interests
- ☐ History, World
- ☐ History, United States
- ☐ History, U.S. Frontier
- ☐ History, Missouri
- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Humor
- ☐ Music, Books About
- ☐ Plays and Drama
- ☐ Poetry
- ☐ Religion _____
- ☐ Sciences
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Travel
- ☐ War, Nonfiction
- ☐ Other(s) _____

We do not wish to receive books that contain:

- ☐ Violence
- ☐ Explicit descriptions of sex
- ☐ Strong language
- ☐ Adult-reading level material
- ☐ Young adult material
- ☐ Children's material
- ☐ Narrator with an accent

The reading levels most appropriate for the clients we serve:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool-grade 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 5-8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten-grade 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 6-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 2-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. & Sr. High |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 3-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 4-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult |

Our preferred language for reading is:

- ☐ English ☐ Other(s) _____

Agreement

It is the responsibility of the institution requesting this service to:

1. Return library materials and machines to Wolfner Library when they are no longer being used.
2. Notify the library of any change in address, telephone number, or contact person.
3. Take reasonable care of materials and machines.
4. Borrow at least one book or magazine per year.
5. Read and return books within six weeks of their receipt, to allow others the opportunity to read.
6. Maintain an accurate listing of patrons using the service and number and location of Wolfner machines and accessories at your facility.

The staff member who will be responsible for the program at the institution must sign below. I understand the above responsibilities and agree to follow them.

Signature _____

Wolfner Library is a division of the Office of the Secretary of State and the Missouri State Library and is in the National Library Service/Library of Congress cooperative network.

Please mail this completed application to:

**Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
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Notes to Applicant

Mail (do not fax) your application to the library. Once your application is received, the library will send additional information concerning services. This will include one or more of the library's latest catalogs for ordering books, the equipment you requested, and a users handbook. The library will also process your subscription to "Talking Book Topics" and/or "Braille Book Review," which will be mailed directly to your institution. This will let you know about the latest books at the library.

If you have any questions concerning this information, or need additional assistance in completing this application form, please call Wolfner Library at:

(800) 392-2614, toll free in Missouri

(573) 751-8720

FAX (573) 526-2985

TDD (800) 347-1379, toll free in Missouri

E-mail: wolfner@sos.mo.gov

Home page: www.mo.gov/wolfner/

Wolfner Library is open to the public during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is closed on Missouri State holidays. After hours, patrons may call the library toll free at (800) 392-2614 and leave a message. Visitors are welcome to visit the library, in the Missouri State Information Center, located at 600 West Main, in Jefferson City.

The machines and special attachments are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment malfunctions, please call the library for instructions to return. If the equipment is no longer being used in conjunction with the recorded materials from Wolfner Library and the Library of Congress, it must be returned to Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Confidentiality

The information required on this application pertains to eligibility for and establishment of free library services for blind and physically impaired individuals.

This information is required by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress to fulfill the requirements of Public Law 89-522. Complete and accurate information will speed the application process.

This application is a library record, and, as such, its information is considered to be confidential, in accordance with Missouri Revised Statute 182.817.